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MEMORANDUM FOR: 25X1A9a
SUBJECT : Geographic Report on Laos

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1. [REDACTED] is most grateful for the CIA's excellent symposium on Laos (Geographic Intelligence Memorandum CIA/RR-QM-59-2 of 23rd September 1959) which includes some valuable additions to our information on roads.

25X1X7 2. It would appear from an examination of the route summaries that, in some instances, they incorporate reports of later date than those held [REDACTED].

The routes referred to are as follows:

Route 13 - Luang Prabang/Thakhek. Reports of road closures June and September 1959.

Route 13 - Savannakhet/Pakse. Report dated July 1959.
Route Pakse/Paksong/Attopeu/Dak To/Kontum. Report dated August 1959.

Route 9 - Savannakhet/Seno/Tchepone/Lao Bao. Report dated May 1959.

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[REDACTED] would be grateful for copies of the reports referred to, in full if possible.

3. We should also be glad to know whether CIA has any evidence that vehicles of any kind were able to get through from Ban Ban to Sam Neua before the 1959 rainy season.

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